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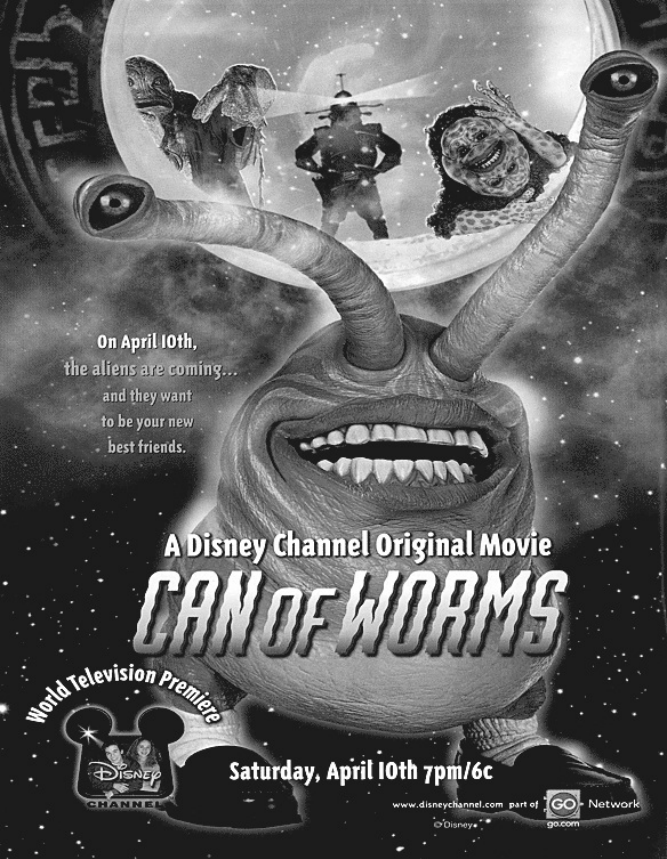
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TRIES DESPERATELY TO
ESCAPE A GROWING STORM --

-- AND A PROFOUND SENSE
OF GUILT FOR LEAVING HIS
FRIENDS TO WEATHER THE
WORST OF THIS STORM
WITHOUT HIM.

WHOO-EE!
DON'T TAKE
THIS PERSONAL,
BUD, BUT YOU
LOOK LIKE A
DROWNED
CAT.



WHAT-
EVER.

CAN I
GET TEN
BUCKS ON
NUMBER
ONE?

SOME
NIGHT, HUH.
NEWS SAYS THE
WEATHER'S GONE
CRAZY UP AND
DOWN THE COAST.
FLASH FLOODS.
TORNADOES.
YOU NAME
IT.

EVERYBODY BLAMES EL NIÑO, BUT IF
YOU ASK ME, IT'S THE GOVERNMENT
TESTING THE SECRET WEATHER
CONTROL SATELLITE NETWORK.

I'M TELLIN'
YA, PAL. IF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE
KNEW HALF OF THE
THINGS THEY SHOT
INTO SPACE
THEY'D D--



WHOA--

DUCK
AND COVER!
DUCK AND
COVER!



WHUE! NOTHIN'
LIKE A LITTLE EARTH-
QUAKE TO WAKE UP,
HUH?
FELT LIKE
A FIVE POINTER.
BET WE'RE NOT TOO
FAR FROM THE
EPICENTER.



CLOSER
THAN YOU
KNOW.

IN THE REACTOR
TOWER OF THE
SUMMERFIELD
CANYON NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT,
THE ARMAGEDDON
MAN SCREAMS
IN RAGE AND
THE EARTH
TREMBLES.

YEARS AGO, AFTER HE
DESTROYED A SMALL
NEW MEXICO TOWN,
THE UNITED STATES
ARMY IMPRISONED HIM
IN A METABOLIC
SUSPENSION
CHAMBER--

--WHERE FOR
FOUR DECADES HE
REMAINED BARELY
ALIVE, COMPLETELY
UNWARE OF THE
RAPIDLY CHANGING
WORLD OUTSIDE.

NEWLY AWAKENED,
AS THE TURBULENT
ENERGY ONCE AGAIN
BUILDS IN HIS BODY,
HE KNOWS THAT HE
HOLDS THE POWER
TO DESTROY
THE WORLD THAT
WAS SO LONG
DENIED HIM.



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HUNDREDS OF YARDS AWAY, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE POWER PLANT, THE MEMBERS OF X-FORCE FACE THE GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS VOLUPTUOUS CREATURE'S REVIVAL --

-- THE MUTANTS CALLING THEMSELVES THE NEW HELLIONS: KING BEDLAM, FERAL, SWITCH, MAGMA AND TAROT.

IN 1959, THEY LABELED THE ARMAGEDDON MAN A MONSTER BECAUSE THEIR NARROW MINDS COULDN'T SEE HIM FOR WHAT HE TRULY WAS --

-- ONE OF THE FIRST GENERATION OF POST-ATOMIC HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR, A MUTANT LIKE EACH ONE OF US.

SENATOR DRAVILLE EXCEPTED, OF COURSE.

THE STORM OUTSIDE AND THE TREMOR WE JUST EXPERIENCED ARE ONLY THE FIRST OF THE DISASTERS TO COME.

UNLESS MY DEMANDS ARE MET, THE ARMAGEDDON MAN WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE WEST COAST.

HOLD ON, BEDLAM, YOU ASSURED ME NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF I RELAYED YOUR DEMANDS TO WASHINGTON!

WHY COULDN'T YOU WAIT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TO REPLY?

WITHOUT A DEMONSTRATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DEPLOYING COMMANDOS TO STORM THIS POWER PLANT AS WE SPEAK.

THIS WAY, THEY UNDERSTAND MY THREATS ARE EXTREMELY REAL.

8-BUT YOU CAN'T CONTROL THAT THING. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU OR ME. IT'S AN UNTHINKING ENGINE OF ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION --

BE QUIET, SENATOR, OR I WILL SCRAMBLE YOUR BRAINS UNTIL YOU ARE A GIBBERING IDIOT.

NOW UNDERSTAND THIS. UNLIKE YOUR SCIENTISTS AND SOLDIERS I DO POSSESS A MEANS TO CONTROL THE ARMAGEDDON MAN.

TAROT, IF YOU PLEASE.

VOILA, CHRISTOPHER.

THIS IS A PSIONIC-AMPLIFIER, DEVELOPED BY ENGLAND'S ULTRA-SECRET BLACK AIR TO ENHANCE TELEPATHIC TRANSMISSIONS.



OBSERVE, THOUGH I CANNOT CONTROL THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S MOVEMENTS...

TELEPATHICALLY PARALYZE HIM WITH CONFUSION, LEAVING HIM FROZEN LIKE A DEER IN A CAR'S HEADLIGHTS.



NOW, SENATOR, I'M SURE THE PRESIDENT IS UP. WHY DON'T WE CALL HIM AND ARRANGE FOR FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MY OFF-SHORE ACCOUNTS?

AND LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS ISN'T A NEGOTIATION. THE UNITED NATIONS GAVE MAGNETO A COUNTRY.

MY DEMANDS ARE A BARGAIN IN COMPARISON.



WHAT'S THE CALL, SIRYN?

AS LONG AS BEDLAM CONTROLS THE ARMAGEDDON MAN, HE'S GOTTA BE OUR FIRST TARGET.

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST BEFORE BEDLAM TURNS HIS MENTAL POWER ON US.

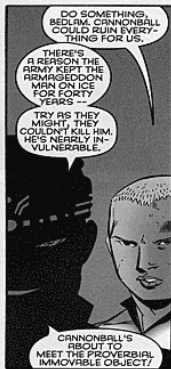
THEN YOU NEED A DISTRACTION, THERESA. HIT BEDLAM --



--'CAUSE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BELONGS TO CANNONBALL!

BLAST IT, SAM. NO. I DIDN'T GIVE THE ORDER!

YOU KNOW HOW GUYS ARE, THERESA. EVEN THE NICEST ONES GET MACHO AND STUPID NOW AND THEN.



DO SOMETHING, BEDLAM. CANNONBALL COULD RUN EVERYTHING FOR US.

THERE'S A REASON THE ARMY KEPT THE ARMAGEDDON MAN ON ICE FOR FORTY YEARS --

TRY AS THEY MIGHT, THEY COULDN'T KILL HIM. HE'S NEARLY INVULNERABLE.

CANNONBALL'S ABOUT TO MEET THE PROVERBIAL IMMOVABLE OBJECT!

DAILY BUGLE

SPIDER-MAN MOVIE WEB: UNTANGLED

New York, MP — Sony Pictures Entertainment and Marvel Enterprises announced today that after years of being bound in red tape, the first-ever Spider-Man live-action movie will finally be made.

J. Jonah Jameson, publisher of the Daily Bugle, responded by stating that he plans to boycott the Spider-Man film. "entertainment franchise and all parties involved in the deal."

"I can't believe this masked menace has the opportunity to tarnish the silver screen," snarled Jameson at a news conference held on the steps of the Bugle building this morning. His announcement came shortly after news broke that Sony Pictures has finally secured the rights to the movie after years of litigation. "Can you imagine the repercussions of having Spider-Man's image embossed on everything from t-shirts to cereal boxes? ...He's truly behind the corruption of America's youth and I won't sit

idly by and let him poison our society. It's my responsibility as an objective journalist — after all, we are the fourth estate."

In addition to denouncing the movie and the franchise agreement, Jameson stated that he also plans to monitor the filming and production to make sure everything is "on the up-and-up." "I'm sending my star photographer, Peter Parker, to the set to make sure all of the permits are in order and only union workers are used....This isn't going to be your typical giant-comet-hits-Manhattan flick."

A representative from Sony would only say: "We are delighted that we'll be able to bring this long-sought-after hero to the world of Sony film and television entertainment."

Spider-Man was unavailable for comment. "Is he a threat or a movie star?" pondered Jameson at the end of his own news conference. Only time will tell.

Hmmm...
I WONDER WHO'S
GOING TO PLAY ME
IN THE MOVIE?

IT'S A **FACT**
TRUE BELIEVERS!
THE **SPIDER-MAN MOVIE**
IS IN FULL SWING--
AND **MARVEL** IS BACK
WITH A **VENGEANCE**
IN TIME FOR THE NEW
MILLENNIUM!

2 **W**HERE SECONDS LATER, IN THE REACTOR BUILDING...

HMM, THE BIG GUY DOESN'T SEEM T'BE AWARE AH'M HERE.

CAN'T SAY AH LIKE SUCKER PUNCHIN' AN OPPONENT, BUT AH DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE NOW.

YEARGH!

WHUNF--

OW -- MY FORCE FIELD'S SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ME, BUT I THINK I CRACKED A RIB --

PROBABLY DESERVED THAT FOR RUSHIN' IN WITHOUT THINKIN'. DIDN'T THINK HE COULD MOVE SO FAST.

GUESS HE SHOWED ME.

HAH! LOOKS LIKE MR. HOLIER THAN THOU GOT KNOCKED OFF HIS HIGH HORSE --

-- I CAN'T IMAGINE IT HAPPENING TO A MORE DESERVING GUY.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, WARRIOR? WHAT MADE YOU SO COLD-HEARTED?

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUFFERING, BLONDIE.

DURING MY STAY IN THE VAULT, I FOUND OUT I HAVE THE LEGACY VIRUS.

OH, DON'T LOOK SAD. THE LAST THING I WANT IS YOUR SYMPATHY.

SO I FIGURE, IF I GOTTA DIE FOR NO REASON, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL MY PAIN BEFORE I GO.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME, X-BOYS AND GIRLS. YOU'VE BEEN OUT-MATCHED FROM THE START.

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AS KING BEDLAM GLOATS, THE MEMBERS
OF X-FORCE SURREPTITIOUSLY WATCH
SIRYN'S RIGHT HAND --

--WITH WHICH THEIR SUPERHUMANLY
VOCAL LEADER SILENTLY SIGNALS
THEM TO GET READY --

-- AND
STRIKE!
BEDLAM'S
MINE-
PEOPLE.

EEEEEE

AHH! THAT
SOUND...

SOMEONE'S NEEDED
TO SHUT YOU UP FOR
A LONG TIME, IRISH,
AND I
VOLUNTEER!

AAHH--

THERESA!

SSKRATCH

... HURGH...
THROAT...

AFTER THE MASSACRE IN WHICH HIS FAMILY, ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE ON THE CRAMP VERDE RESERVATION, WERE MURDERED, JAMES LET ANGER AND HATRED RULE HIS LIFE.

ONLY RECENTLY HAD HE FINALLY MADE PEACE WITH HIS TRAGIC LOSS, AND PUT TO REST THE NEED FOR VENGEANCE THAT ONCE DROVE HIM.

YOU PSYCHOPATH!

BUT NOW, SEEING HIS BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD VICIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A FORMER TEAMMATE --

-- THE ANGER RETURNS.

DEUS EM CEO! SHE'S BLEEDING PRETTY BADLY.

BOBBY, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY. GET SIRYN TO A HOSPITAL NOW!

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU... DOMINO TAKE SWITCH... MELTDOWN TAKE FERAL --

I WANT FERAL --

NO. I NEED YOU TO GET THROT AND BEDLAM OUT OF PLAY. I'LL TAKE MAGMA.

RUNNING AWAY, MARIA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO PLAY ROUGH.

BOOM

Whee!

BOOM

SORRY, SWITCH, YOU WON'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM ANOTHER BODY AGAIN...

THWEK

Wharf



WELL, DANI, I SEE YOU'VE STEPPED IN AND TAKEN CHARGE OF YOUR NEW TEAM.

BUT IF YOU THINK I'M AS EASILY BEATEN AS FERAL AND SWITCH, YOU'RE OH SO MISTAKEN.

I COMMAND THE MOLTEN EARTH, SO UNLESS YOU CAN STAND THE HEAT, BACK OFF.

YOU'RE ALL CRAZY!

SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO GET BACK, AH WAS STILL SHAKIN' OFF THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S BACKHAND.

GUTHRIEP PUT ME DOWN OR I'LL --

OR YOU'LL WHAT? CHARBROIL MEP? DON'T THINK SO. REMEMBER MY FORCE FIELD MAKES ME IMMUNE TO YOUR HEAT.

NO, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK, AMARA, OR ALISON, OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE CALLED THESE DAYS.

AS A FRIEND, I GOTTA TELL YOU, YOU HAVE GONE WAY OVER THE EDGE --

WHY? BECAUSE I'VE CHOSEN NOT TO PLAY THE HERO LIKE YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS?

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? XAVIER'S DREAM IS AS MUCH A FANTASY AS AMARA AGUILLA, PRINCESS OF THE LAST ROMAN COLONY.

THE WORLD GIVES MUTANTS NOTHING BUT PAIN AND GRIEF. WHAT'S WRONG WITH USING OUR POWER TO TAKE WHAT WE WANT?



TAROT-- MARIE -- WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO PROTECT CHRISTOPHER BEDLAM --

MY GOD, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?

MY POWER HAS CHANGED SINCE MY REBIRTH, JAMES.

I NOT ONLY PROJECT THE IMAGERY OF THE TAROT ARCANAS, BUT I CAN NOW ASSUME THEIR MANTLE.

I WIELD DEATH'S SCYTHE. DO NOT MAKE ME USE IT.



BEDLAM DOESN'T DESERVE THIS KIND OF LOYALTY, MARIE.

I OWE HIM MY LIFE.



AS THE ENERGY INSIDE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BUILDS EXPONENTIALLY, HE BECOMES A TRANSMISSION TOWER OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER --

-- HIS OWN INNER AGONY MIRRORED AND MAGNIFIED IN AN EVER EXPANDING RADIUS OF CATASTROPHE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, FIFTY FOOT WAVES ROCK THE SCENIC CITY'S MOST FAMOUS LANDMARK.

IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, LIGHTNING STORMS HAVE IGNITED OLD GROWTH FORESTS IN A FIRESTORM OF DESTRUCTION.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TORNADOES RIP THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.

IN PALM SPRINGS, HOTELS ARE LEVELED BY MASSIVE EARTHQUAKES.

AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. AS LONG AS HE LIVES, THE DISASTERS WILL ONLY ESCALATE IN INTENSITY.

HE CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION HE CAUSES. THAT IS HIS CURSE.





Yow!
THIS WHOLE
PLACE IS
FALLING
APART!

THIS IS
YOUR FAULT,
JESSE.

I
SHOULD
HAVE LET
YOU DIE
WITH OUR
PARENTS.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

KRASH



YOU DON'T REMEMBER MUCH
ABOUT THE DAY OUR PARENTS
DIED, DO YOU?

DAD WAS
THREATENING TO SEND
ME AWAY TO MILITARY SCHOOL,
BUT I WASN'T GOING
TO LET HIM.

HE DIDN'T KNOW
ABOUT MY POWER. I
MADE HIM LOSE CONTROL
OF THE WHEEL.

I DROVE HIM
INSANE — JUST
LIKE I'M GOING TO
DO TO YOU
NOW.



WAIT... IT'S
NOT WORKING...
THE FEEDBACK FROM
THE PSI-AMP MUST
HAVE AFFECTED MY
POWER...



YOU KILLED
OUR PARENTS?
YOU'RE MORE OF
A MONSTER THAN
THAT CREATURE
OUTSIDE.

YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW MUCH
I WANT TO HURT
YOU, BUT I NEED
YOUR HELP
MORE.

YOU SAID
YOU READ ALL
THE MILITARY
REPORTS ON THE
ARMAGEDDON
MAN BEFORE YOU
REVIVED
HIM.

I'M
BETTING
YOU KNOW HOW
TO TAKE HIM
DOWN.

WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK I'D
HELP YOU?

YOU RUINED
YEARS OF PLANNING
AND PREPARATION,
AND COST ME A
FORTUNE AS
WELL.

SUFFER,
LITTLE BROTHER.
SUFFER.



IMAGINE THE
EXPLOSIVE POWER
OF A
LINEBACKER
COMBINED WITH THE
AGILITY OF A
HOCKEY
DEFENSE MAN.
JUST TOUGHER.



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GET BACK HERE, MARIA! I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU.

NO MATTER HOW SCREWED UP YOUR LIFE IS, IT DOESN'T EXCUSE WHAT YOU DID TO THERESA.

I'LL BE SURE TO SEND HER A CARD. ADIOS.



WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE NEXT QUAKE BRINGS THIS ENTIRE PLACE DOWN.

WE HAVE YOUR BROTHER TO THANK FOR THAT, JESSE.

SAVE THE BLAME FOR LATER. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO GET OUR BUTTS IN GEAR. WE CAN'T LET THE HELLIONS GET AWAY.



FORGET ABOUT THE HELLIONS, TADTHRA. WE HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.



DANI, WE'VE GOT RADIOACTIVE GAS LEAKING FROM THE COOLANT TOWER. THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BULLDOZED ON HIS WAY OUTSIDE.

THEN OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS SEALING OFF THAT BUILDING, BEFORE THIS PLACE MAKES CHERNOBYL LOOK LIKE A KITCHEN SPILL.

JESSE, SHUT DOWN THE REACTOR POWER GRID, BUT BE CAREFUL -- THE LAST THING WE WANT IS TO CAUSE A MELTDOWN.

THE REST OF YOU USE WHATEVER MATERIALS YOU CAN FIND AND CLOSE THE COOLANT TOWER.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, DANI?



I'M GOING TO FIND SAM AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO TRANQUILIZE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN.

DON'T BOTHER, DANI. I'M RIGHT HERE -- AND I'VE BROUGHT HELP.

IF YOU'LL HAVE ME.

BY COMBINING THE DAMAGED CONCRETE EXTERIOR WITH THE MOLTEN EARTH, I CAN CREATE A BARRIER WHICH WILL HOLD ONCE IT COOLS.

I KNEW YOU'D COME THROUGH. YOU'RE NO KILLER.

NOR AM I A HERO, GUTHRIE. IF WE SURVIVE THIS, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF REJOINING YOUR HOLY CRUSADE.

I INTEND TO USE MY POWERS FOR MY OWN PERSONAL GAIN -- AND I WILL DO SO WITHOUT APOLOGY.

SURE, Y-SAY THAT NOW, BUT AM I HAVE FAITH THE GOOD PERSON I KNEW IS STILL INSIDE YOU.

YOU ARE INSUFFERABLE, SAMUEL GUTHRIE.

OUTSIDE, AS THE ARMAGEDDON MAN CONTINUES TO GROW IN STATURE, HIS HOLD ON HIS OWN HUMANITY WEAKENS.

MEMORIES OF THE LIFE HE LED BEFORE HIS MUTANT TRANSFORMATION FADE, BECOMING DISTANT ECHOES IN THE TURBULENT LANDSCAPE OF HIS MIND.

DAVY CROCKETT.

MICKEY MANTLE.

THAT'LL BE THE DAY.

GENE RUTY.

LEAVE IT TO BEVER.

YO-YOS.

MOM.

J. FRED MUGGS.

EISENHOWER.

SPUTNIK.

IRISH McCALLA.

GUNSMOKE.

SICK SICK SICK.

FATHER KNOWS BEST.

THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S CONFUSED AND IN PAIN. HIS DESTRUCTIVE RAMPAGE IS TEARING HIM APART.

HOW CAN YOU TELL, DAN? I THOUGHT YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITIES WERE HISTORY.

SINCE MY ENCOUNTER WITH ARCADIA, I'VE SEEN THE WORLD IN BROADER SPECTRUMS OF LIGHT AND ENERGY.

MAN, WHEN THAT GIRL SPACES OUT, SHE GOES FULL TILT.

THE ENERGY BUILDING INSIDE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN IS APPROACHING CRITICAL MASS. WE MUST ACT QUICKLY.

SAM, CAN YOU GET ME CLOSE TO HIM?

AH HOPE
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
DOIN', DANI. IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU'VE MISIZED THIS
NEW POWER.

MY MISTAKE
WAS FIGHTING
THE CHANGES THAT
HAVE OCCURRED
IN ME. INSTEAD OF
EMBRACING
THEM.

Y'KNOW, THE
ARMAGEDDON
MAY BE A GOOD
EXAMPLE OF
SOMEONE
CONSUMED BY AN
UNCONTROLLABLE
POWER.

AND
HATE
T'SEE THAT
HAPPEN
TO YOU.

-- SO
THAT THE
CONCUSSIVE
BLASTS OF
TABITHA'S TIME
BOMBS CAN
KNOCK HIM OFF
BALANCE --

-- WHICH
WILL GIVE
JAMES A CHANCE
TO GET UNDER
HIM AND LIFT
HIM INTO THE
AIR...

DON'T
WORRY, SAM.
I'M IN CONTROL.
MY QUANTUM
BLASTS ARE
DISRUPTING THE
AIR AROUND HIM,
Distracting
HIM --

HE
DID IT,
SAM!

NOW LET
ME DOWN
QUICKLY. THE
LAST PART OF
THIS DEPENDS
ON YOU.

WOOOF--

Uff--
UP YOU
GO --

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THE A.M.
JUST REACHED
THE ZENITH OF
THE ARC. NOW
HE'S GONNA BE
COMING DOWN
FAST.

AHVE
GOTTA HIT
HIM WITH EVERY-
THING AH'VE
GOT WHILE HE'S
IN THE AIR AND
VULNERABLE.

AH
HOPE THIS
WORKS.



BADA BOOM

UNGH!





WHOA --
BARELY
RECOVERED
BEFORE
IMPACT --



DID IT WORK? IS THE
ARMAGEDDON MAN
DOWN FOR THE COUNT?
MY TEETH ARE STILL
RATTLING FROM
THE IMPACT.

T.K.O.
SAM, YOU'RE
STILL THE
CHAMP.

THE
COLLISION
WORKED
AS I'D
HOPED --
-- CRUISING
THE ARMAGEDDON
MAN TO EXPEND
ALL HIS DESTRUCTIVE
ENERGY WITHOUT
CONSEQUENCE.

THIS
IS ONLY A TEMPORARY VICTORY.
ONCE HE WAKES UP, THE STORMS AND
EARTHQUAKES ARE GOING TO BEGIN AGAIN.



DON'T WORRY,
JAMES. I'VE
GOT THAT
COVERED.

THESE CARBON
RODS I FOUND
SHOULD ABSORB
OUR LARGE
FRIEND'S EXCESS
RADIATION.

FOR A
LITTLE WHILE
ANYWAY.

NICE SAVE, DOMINO.
JAMES, WOULD YOU DO
THE HONORS?

I'M
ON IT.



AMAZING. YOU
CHILDREN ACTUALLY
STOPPED THAT
MENACE.

NOW, SOMEBODY GET
ME A PHONE SO I CAN
GET A CLEAN-UP TEAM
HERE TO PUT THAT
MONSTER BACK
ON ICE.

WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK WE'RE
GOING TO GIVE
THE ARMAGEDDON
MAN UP TO YOU,
SENATOR?

HE'S NOT A MAD
DOG THAT SHOULD
BE PUT DOWN. HE'S
A HUMAN BEING
WHOSE UNFORTUNATE
GENETICS MADE HIM
AN INSTRUMENT OF
DESTRUCTION.

HE DESERVES
TO BE SOMEWHERE
WHERE PEOPLE
WILL TRY TO CURE
HIM, NOT THROWN IN
COLD STORAGE FOR
ANOTHER FORTY
YEARS.



I DON'T HAVE TO DEFEND MY ACTIONS TO YOU, SON. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS LIKE DURING THE COLD WAR.

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY.

HEADS UP, PEOPLE. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THE HELLIONS.

— PARADIGM IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US.

I HAVE REPAIRED THE DAMAGE DONE TO ME BY YOUR QUANTUM ENERGY, DANIELLE MOONSTAR.

MY RECONFIGURATION MAKES ME ONE HUNDRED AND TEN PERCENT MORE FUNCTIONAL THAN MY PREVIOUS INCARNATION.



PARADIGM TURNED US ALL INTO HIS PUPPETS THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT.

ONE TIME TOO MANY.

NOTHING I HATE MORE THAN SOMEONE MESSING WITH MY MIND.

I SAY WE HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO JOIN THE FIGHT, YOU'RE TOO LATE. THE OTHER HELLIONS HAVE FLED. THE ARMAGEDDON MAN IS CONTAINED.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENGAGING IN COMBAT WITH YOU A SECOND TIME. I LEARNED MUCH DURING OUR LAST ENCOUNTER.



I KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT YOU, PARADIGM.

I DON'T THINK BEING PART OF THE HELLIONS WILL HELP YOU REACH YOUR NEXT STAGE OF EXISTENCE.



AGREED. I LEAVE IN SEARCH OF NEW BIOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY TO SYNTHESIZE AND INCORPORATE INTO MY OWN BEING.

I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN, DANI MOONSTAR. I FIND YOUR OWN TRANSFORMATION MOST INTRIGUING.

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WELL, ON THAT ENIGMATIC NOTE, I'D SAY IT'S TIME WE FIND A TRUCK TO LOAD THE ARMAGEDDON MAN ON AND HEAD OUT OF HERE.



HOLD ON, YOUNG LADY, YOU DON'T HAVE THE FACILITIES TO SAFELY CONTAIN THE ARMAGEDDON MAN.

THIS IS A MATTER BEST LEFT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.



I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT HE'S RIGHT. WE CAN'T TAKE HIM TO A SAFE HOUSE LIKE WE DID WITH MARY. HE'LL NEVER PASS FOR NORMAL.

BUT HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT HE'S TREATED HUMANELY?

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YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT I WILL SEE IT... HE... GETS THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE.

ALL I ASK IN EXCHANGE IS YOUR SILENCE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THE PUBLIC STILL ISN'T READY TO KNOW.



RIGHT, LIKE US.

TELL YOU WHAT, SENATOR, WE'LL BE WATCHING WHAT YOU DO WITH ARMAGEDDON MAN THIS TIME.

IF WE DON'T LIKE IT, WE'LL BE BACK. AND IF YOU THINK THE HELLIONS WERE TROUBLE, WAIT UNTIL YOU GET US MAD.

AND ONE MORE THING, SENATOR. REMEMBER WHO SAVED YOUR BUTT THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE VOTING ON AN ANTI-MUTANT BILL.

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STAN'S SOAPBOX!

H Heroes!

Today I dedicate this column to all the noble No-Prize winners, past and present, who have managed to carry on with their normal, everyday lives despite the great honor that has been heaped upon them. True to the finest No-Prize tradition, they have never lorded it over their less fortunate brethren nor have they done anything to sully the grand tradition. So here's to you, No-Prizes everywhere-- you know who you are!

And Clyde Ray of Sylva, NC knows who he is, too-- though he has a strange query...

"I've seen Marvel No-Prizes selling for up to \$200.00! Isn't that a little high?"

Oh, Clyde, Clyde, Clyde -- 'tis not the money that matters! 'Tis the shocking thought that any No-Prize Laureate would part with his treasure for any amount of money! However, if you'll tell me where you saw them being bought, perhaps I can scare up a very myself!

Here's one from a very perceptive Nick Afentoulis of Salonica, Greece...

"What kind of shirts and jackets does Angel wear? I mean, with his wings, do they all come with two holes in the back?"

Actually, Nick, he wears nothing but Armani. And you know what a trend-setter Armani is. I hear that now all the kids on the block want jackets with two holes in the back. In fact, I think I saw some last time I was shopping at the Gap.

Bobby Timony of New Providence, NJ thinks he's stumbled me with this one...

"If nothing stops the Juggernaut and nothing moves the Blob, then what happens when they run into each other?"

Just what you'd expect, Bob. It sounds like this, "Hi, Juggy, what's happenin'?" "Not much, Blobbo. How ya been?" (Forgive me for that, gang. It's been a tough day!)

Jeff Clifford of Vacaville, CA makes me search my memory for an answer to this...

"When did you decide that comic books were going to be your sole occupation?"

Truthfully? As soon as they offered me a pay check! But hey, comics aren't my only occupation. I've had bit parts in more money-losing movies than anyone you know!

Here's an insightful question from Dr. Royce Mangubat of Manila, Philippines...

"Do super-villains enjoy being called 'villains' or do they hate it?"

Well, Doc, I queried some of our top villains on your behalf, and most of 'em said they weren't interested in semantics as long as we let them win once in a while.

Speaking of winning, everyone who writes to *Stan's Soapbox*, Marvel, 387 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016 is a winner in my book! As are all you e-mailers who log on to stanfanz@aol.com! Now, till our next foray into matters of invaluable inconsequence, your humble Soapboxer wonders how many of you know the meaning of Tamam Shud? Excielsior!

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Stan Lee





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REMARKABLY, THE CASUALTIES OF THIS GRIM PERIOD HAVE BEEN FAR LESS THAN EXPECTED GIVEN THE DAMAGE.

MEANWHILE, BOTH METEOROLOGISTS AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER INSTITUTE AND SEISMOLOGISTS AT CAL TECH HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THE FREAK WEATHER AND SEISMIC ACTIVITY.

OUR OWN WEATHER DOCTOR, BURTON KRONKHEIT, WILL HAVE MORE ON THE STORM WATCH LATER --

-- BUT NOW WE GO TO SUMMERFIELD CANYON WHERE HANNAH CALDERON IS LIVE.



HEY, BOBBY. ANY NEWS ON SIRYN?

NOT YET. THE DOCTOR SAID HE'D TELL ME WHEN SHE GOT OUT OF THE OPERATING ROOM.

I TOLD THEM SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A MOUNTAIN LION.



THANK YOU, DOLORES. I'M HERE AT SUMMERFIELD CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WHERE ARMY HAZMAT TEAMS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN TO CONTAIN A FIRE IN THE LONG CLOSED NUCLEAR FACILITY.



OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RESTART THE PLANT'S DORMANT REACTOR BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS, BUT THAT GROUP WAS STOPPED.

TYPICAL. WE NEVER GET THE CREDIT.



UNNAMED SOURCES, HOWEVER, HAVE INFORMED THIS REPORTER THAT THESE TERRORISTS MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE MUTANT REVOLUTIONARY GROUP CALLED X-FORCE.



BUT WE ALWAYS GET THE BLAME.

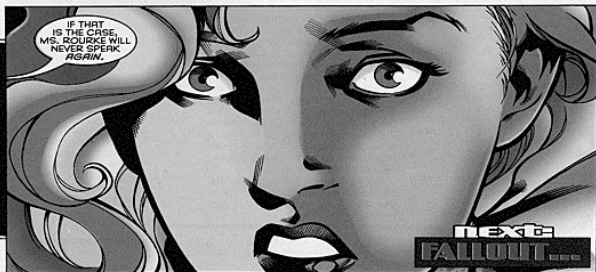


MR. DACOSTA?

OH, I SEE THERE ARE MORE OF YOU IN YOUR COLORFUL OUTFITS. ARE YOU ALL FAMILY?

CLOSEST THING TO IT.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY, DOC? HOW'S SHE DOING?



X-CLAMATIONS

Dear X-Clamations,

Congratulations! Issue #87 is one of the best comics I have read in some time. The artwork is excellent. When I heard that Adam Pollina was leaving X-FORCE, I was worried that the artwork would suffer, but I have noticed no drop-off in the quality of pencilling on this book. Good job, Jim Cheung.

The writing on #87 was also excellent. The manner in which Mr. Moore focused on the interactions between smaller groups of individuals within X-Force and switched from setting to setting while weaving two sub-plots into the story without confusing the reader reminded me of Chris Claremont's X-MEN work. It's nice to see a team book that focuses on each member of the team. Good job, John Francis Moore.

I'm also glad to see Magma back, although I wish she was on the side of X-Force. And what is up with Paradigm? He looks a lot like Warlock. Is there any relation? That's all for now. I just wanted to say thanks for creating a great comic.

John Eric Quillen
Knoxville, TN

The votes are in, and it's unanimous. Jim Cheung is a hit! We have been fans of his work since his days on MAVERICK, and his pencils just keep getting better. Jim will be drawing an upcoming issue of UNCANNY X-MEN (#371, to be exact), so keep your eyes peeled for that! For more info on Paradigm, John, check out this next letter...

BRIAN SMITH
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Dear X-Clamations,
X-FORCE #88 was filled with revelations as well as new mysteries.

I had not been aware of Selene's deception of the people of Nova Roma as revealed in NEW WARRIORS. Thanks for clearing up the Amara/Allison confu-

sion for me. So this really is the original Magma? While I'm surprised to see the ease with which the team accepts Magma's apparent betrayal, I love the idea of bringing her back as a villain.

Frankly, the whole New Hellions team is inspired! Sure, it's a new team, yet they are steeped in the history of this title. Throwing Feral into the mix is almost overkill. This is the first group of villains to excite me in a long, long time. That's partly due to the continuity to which the Hellions hearken for a long time reader like myself (since NEW MUTANTS #1.) But, even the new characters provoke the same level of anticipation.

King Bedlam is an assured leader who commands the same sense of danger that the leader of that "crusty old boys club," the Hellfire Club, did. Having him lead the Hellions and having Jesse stay with X-Force (which I assume he will) will keep the tension level high between these two teams.

Of course, it's Paradigm that elicits my most enthusiastic reaction. Obviously Phalanx in nature, he must have, I hope, some connection to Warlock or the Magus. Enigmatic doesn't begin to describe Paradigm. A more personal connection to X-Force only promises more intrigue. I'm looking forward to it!

Scot W. Myers
Decatur, GA

The New Hellions are a tough team to beat, Scot. We hope we shocked some of you readers with the new roster! As you can see at the conclusion of this story arc, King Bedlam is still very much alive. Where or when he'll turn up next nobody knows, but it's a sure thing that he'll be up to no good! As far as Paradigm goes, he is not strictly Phalanx or man-made. His powers are a result of experiments performed on him when he was a child. Paradigm is a hybrid of countless technologies, coupled with powerful telekinetic abilities.

If it's Warlock you're looking for, you may be seeing him sooner than you think...but not quite as you remember him!

Dear X-Clamations,

What the...New Hellions? I'll tell you what! I LOVE it!! The new Hellions are wicked awesome! I honestly know nothing about the old Hellions (except for what was recapped in this issue, thank you for that), so these Hellions being "new" means nothing to me. What does mean something to me is that these guys are sweet! Paradigm, Magma, Tarot, and King Bedlam. Not to mention the return of Feral!

I love what Jim Cheung has done with her. Gone is the Bride of Frankenstein hairdo. Now all we need is a Feral/Tigra battle to see who's the baddest cat-woman around (either one is better than the one over at the Distinguished Competition). Now THAT would be a cat fight. Mreow!

Speaking of Jim Cheung, how good IS this guy? You probably saw this coming, but he's the best artist X-FORCE has ever seen, and he will be since forever!

The only thing I have left to say is I'm just glad that this was still part two, because that means there's still two issues to go of this awesome run of X-FORCE!

Cameron Duggin
Flint, MI

Thanks for writing, Cameron! We love Feral too, but you shouldn't hold your breath waiting for that Tigra crossover. With all of these former teammates coming out of the woodwork, could something big be just around the corner? Maybe in issue #100? We'll see...

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A FOND FAREWELL FROM THE EDITORS

No, the book's not cancelled, but we are (moving to other books, that is). It's been a great, yet short, run. We (Bobbie & Smitty) just wanna say "thanks for reading" to the fans. And thanks most of all to John, Jim, Mark, Marie, and Richard et. al. It's been a blast! Good luck Jason and Lisa, the new Editorial team supreme!

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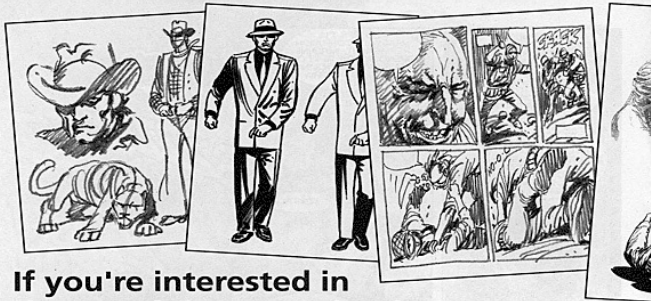




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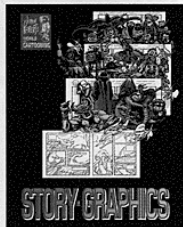
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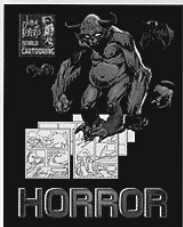
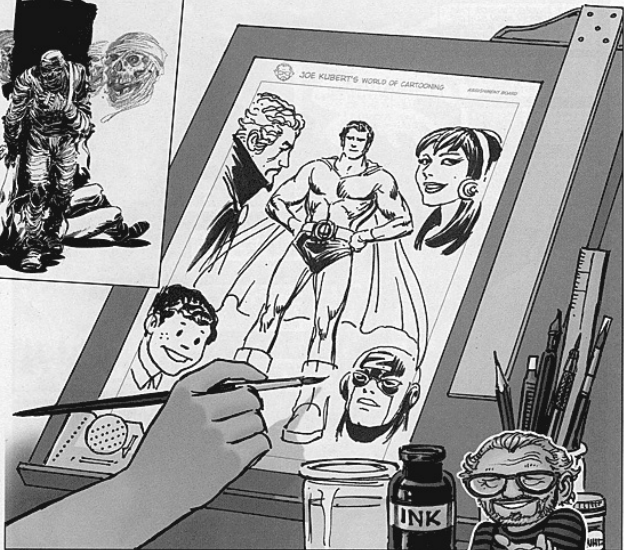
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